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Sir:

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Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 3-6232 appears to disclose an indoor unit of an air conditioner having a sliding panel in the front.

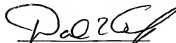
Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 4-20923 appears to disclose a panel structure for an air conditioner having both an air inlet and outlet in the front face.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 3-97113 appears to disclose a panel air conditioner having an air inlet on the top.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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
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Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	†
		Country Code ² - Number ³ - Kind Code ⁴ (if known)					
/HK/		EP-1271065-A		01/02/2003	LEE et al.		N/A
		JP-2003-014249-A		01/15/2003	LEE et al.		Yes
		JP-9-210402-A		08/12/1997	FUJIMORI et al.		Yes
		JP-10-109872-A		04/28/1998	KIMURA et al.		Yes
		JP-10-217876-A		08/18/1998	YAMAGUCHI et al.		Yes
		JP-11-345650-A		12/14/1999	KOGURE		Yes
		JP-3-6232-U		01/22/1991	TOBITA		No
		JP-4-20923-U		02/21/1992	ISHIZUKA		No
		JP-3-97113-U		10/04/1991	HIDESAKA		No
		JP-7-12821-U		01/17/1995	SHIGENARI		Yes
		WO-02-103248		12/27/2002	LEE et al.		N/A

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